Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Have the Government enquired whether anybody was prepared to surrender the lands?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice?

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, when there is necessity for a foot-path whether Government would require every bit of land to be surrendered free or whether Government are willing to pay any cost?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Certainly, Government will be willing to consider this question. If some kind of co-operation is forthcoming, Government would not be asking for free surrender. If my hon'ble friend will induce people to surrender at least a good portion of the land the remaining portion of it will be acquired by Government.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Is the Government aware that there is a necessity for the said foot-path?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I perfectly admit that there is a necessity for this foot-path.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Were not the people of the locality called upon to see whether they are prepared to surrender their lands free or not?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I was not in charge of this department then.

Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Were the people informed that this was the policy of the Government?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Many people were informed that the foot-path is a necessity. I do not deny that for a moment. But the only thing is about the cost. If the people will be willing to surrender a portion of their lands for the foot-path, which will ultimately increase the value of their lands, certainly Government will undertake it.

HEALTH CENTRES OF NEMMARA AND KUNNAMKULAM— ABOLITION OF

303. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for selecting the Health Centres of Kunnamkulam and Nemmara for abolition?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As all the 4 Health Centres are going to be abolished, two centres were selected this year and the other two will be abolished next year. So it was proposed to divide the work done by the four between the two centres, and for administrative convenience these two centres are selected this year.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether special health training was given to the two medical officers who were recently absorbed in the Medical Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the other two officers have got any special training in health, hygiene or public health?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* All the four have got some knowledge about these subjects.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Have the other two persons who are now in the Public Health Department got any special training?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the Health Visitors of the other two places are working at Kunnamkulam and Nemmara with the same effect as the Health Visitors of Nemmara and Kunnamkulam were working before?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am unable to answer.

VALLITHARA THODU—EXTENSION TO KANJIRAMITTAM MARKET

304. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps are being taken to extend the വല്ലിത്തറ തോട് to the road near the Kanjiramittam market?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The matter is under consideration.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether it is not a very feasible scheme? The Chief Engineer will be able to explain.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I inspected the site of the canal and I have now ordered for a survey and to prepare an estimate for the work.

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